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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. JOE FARMER OF THE ACYPL, TO WHOM WE SHOWED THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE VISIT OF THE YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS FOR HIS COMMENT, NEGLECTED TO GIVE IT BACK TO US BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE. IT WAS OUR ONLY COPY. COULD SOMEONE PLEASE CALL FARMER AND ASK HIM TO SEND BACK THE DRAFT TO JOE PRESEL THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT?

2. KNOOP VISIT AND NY TDYERS: KNOOP'S VISA ISSUED TODAY FOR A JULY 16 ARRIVAL MOSCOW; JULY 18 ARRIVAL KIEV. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF VISAS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR 7 NY TDYERS BEFORE WE CALL MYSHKOV TO SET STAGE FOR KNOOP VISIT FROM THIS END.

3. WE TALKED WITH JOHN WILSON OF CHASE, WHO IS
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ACCOMPANYING ROCKEFELLER TO THE DARTMOUTH CONFERENCE, ABOUT THE PROBLEM RAISED IN MOSCOW 9379 AND IN KEN SKONG'S CALL TO BILL EDGAR. WILSON SAID HE WOULD CHECK WITH ROCKEFELLER AND BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH US TOMORROW, BUT HIS PRELIMINARY REACTION WAS THAT UNFORTUNATELY THERE SEEMED NO ALTERNATIVE

TO HIS DECLINING THE AMBASSADOR'S INVITATION TO DINNER.

WE WILL REPORT FURTHER WHEN WE HEAR FROM WILSON TOMORROW.

4. WE CHECKED WITH VO ABOUT NP-1 NUMBERS FOR COSTAKIS, AND THE NEWS WAS BAD. THEY EXPECT NOT TO HAVE ANY NP NUMBERS UNTIL ABOUT OCTOBER, AND PREDICT THAT DECEMBER, 1976 PRIORITY DATES WOULD NOT BE REACHED UNTIL ABOUT JANUARY, 1978. PERHAPS YOU COULD REEXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS BEING ENTITLED TO AN EARLIER PRIORITY DATE - WE HAVE KNOWN FOR YEARS THAT HE COULD BE FINANCIALLY SELF-SUPPORTING IN THE US IF HE COULD TAKE SOME OF HIS COLLECTION, SO PERHAPS HE COULD BE GIVEN A PRIORITY DATE AS OF WHEN HE FIRST INDICATED HIS INTENT TO EMIGRATE TO THE US. IF NECESSARY WE SUPPOSE HIS CASE COULD BE TRANSFERRED TO NAPLES FOR ISSUANCE WHEN HIS PRIORITY DATE IS REACHED, BUT WE ARE A LITTLE APPREHENSIVE THAT NAPLES MIGHT REOPEN THE QUESTIONS IN HIS CASE WHICH WE HAVE RESOLVED. SINCE HE IS SUCH A WHEELER-DEALER, MAYBE HE COULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE SOVIETS TO LEAVE IN THE NEAR FUTURE FOR A VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, THEN RETURN TO MOSCOW IN A FEW MONTHS TO PICK UP HIS US IMMIGRANT VISA AND LEAVE FOR GOOD. WE ARE OPEN TO YOUR SUGGESTIONS.

5. REF MOSCOW 8417, DID THE CANADIANS EVER SAY ANYTHING MORE ABOUT FAWCETT? ONE THING THEY COULD NOT DO IS ASK THE MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION STRAIGHTFACED TO ASK THE CONFIDENTIAL

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COMPETENT ORGANS TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBLE FRAUDULENT USE OF A CANADIAN PASSPORT BY AN UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL WITHIN THE USSR.

6. MARITIME: THIRD FLAG RATE BILL. WE HAVE A CABLE IN THE WORKS SUMMARIZING RECENT CONTACTS WITH THE SOVIETS HERE ON THE SUBJECT OF THIRD-FLAG RATE LEGISLATION. ON JUNE 16 TREPYKHALIN GAVE US A NOTE CALLING OUR ATTENTION TO THE DANGERS OF A THIRD-FLAG BILL RECENTLY INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMAN G. WILLIAM WHITEHURST OF VIRGINIA (H. R. 7025). ON JUNE 22 DOBRYNIN LEFT A SIMILAR BUT NOT IDENTICAL NOTE ON THE 7TH FLOOR. FIVE DAYS LATER DZHAVAD GAVE US AN AMPLIFYING NON-PAPER. SINCE NEITHER THE ADMINISTRATION NOR THE BIG GUNS ON THE HILL ON THIS ISSUE, MURPHY IN THE HOUSE AND INOUE IN THE SENATE, HAVE SPOKEN UP ON THIRD-FLAG LEGISLATION, THE SOVIETS ARE PREMATURE IN CLIMBING ALL OVER POOR WHITEHURST'S BILL YET WHICH HAS THE BACKING OF NO ONE IN PARTICULAR. SOVIETS MAY BE NERVOUS SINCE BAKKE

JUMPED SHIP AND CAME OUT FOR LEGISLATIVE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF PREDATORY RATE CUTTING. EB HAS DRAFTED THE ANSWERING NOTE WHICH IT IS TRYING TO GET CLEARED UPSTAIRS.

7. DISREGARD PARAGRAPH FIVE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED
YOUR CABLE. VANCE

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